

# Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter

January 2024

## 2024 AQG Officers & Committee Chairs

President: Spring W.  
1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs: **Needed**  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership: Alice G. & Paula Z.  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP Communications: Elaine R.  
4<sup>th</sup> VP Community Service: Megan T. & Debra MR  
5<sup>th</sup> VP Ways & Means: Janice S.  
Secretary: Shelly V.  
Treasurer: Colleen C  
Newsletter: Elaine R.  
Raffle Quilt: Lorraine M.  
BOM: Roxy G.

## What to Bring to the next Meeting ...

- ✓ **Membership Dues**
- ✓ Show & Tell
- ✓ A friend

AQG General Meeting minutes will be posted each month on our website.

**No minutes for December**

## From the President...

HAPPY NEW YEAR Quilters!

I hope your 2024 has had a wonderful beginning! The AQG board is already fast at work planning our year and how we can have fun quilting as well as be a blessing to our community. We have plans for charitable donations, Quilts of Valor, and some wonderful programs coming this year. There are still some board positions open if you would like to get involved in a deeper capacity.

I am fairly new to the world of quilting and to the Allen Quilters Guild, so I thought I would take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Spring Weeks, and I am originally from the Houston area. I married at 20. My husband, Chris, joined the Army, and for the next 13 years I traveled the globe as an Army wife. We had 3 beautiful girls along the way. I have been a sewist since 1994 when my husband bought me my first sewing machine, at my request, for our first anniversary. I have had a love for sewing ever since. There has always been an interest in quilting, but when my husband passed away from cancer in 2017, I started looking at ways to make memory quilts for my kids and former mother and father-in-law from my husband's clothing. Those projects are still yet to come, but now I have the know-how and the means to actually complete them. I have since met and got engaged to my very sweet and handsome fiancé, Scott Snider.

Currently I am a realtor and a longarm quilter for hire, who also enjoys many sports, competitive and social dancing, cake decorating, and all sorts of other crafts.

I look forward to getting to know all who are a part of AQG and sharing the love of quilting and community with you. Invite a friend to join you at our January 2024 kick-off and let's get quilting!

Spring Weeks  
President

Allen Quilters' Guild

## January 2024 Kick-off Meeting

Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

6:00 – 6:30 Socializing

6:30 – 7:00 Business Meeting

7:00 – 8:00 Program

8:00 – 8:30 Show & Tell

**Come enjoy kicking off 2024!**

Our guest speakers are two of our charities that we support throughout the year...

**Santa Gary with Convoy of Toys &**

**Denise Kendrick with Embrace**

They will be sharing about each of their organizations...who they are and how we can help them. We will again be meeting at Rodenbaugh's meeting room. It is located behind Rodenbaugh's store at 102 W. Main Street.

### AQG Programs for 2024

January – 2024 Kick-off

February – Friendship Luncheon

March – Community Sew-In – Fabric Fanatics

April – Improv Quilting - Ellyn Zinsmeister

May – Clutch Purses & Cork – Debra MR

June –

July – Picnic & Games

August – QOV Community Sew-in – Not Your Mama's Quilt Store

September –

October - QOV Ceremony – Allen Veterans Memorial

November – Fabric Ornaments – Gretchen Carroll

December – Christmas Party & Raffle Quilt Drawing

**Program VP is needed  
to finish out the  
programs for 2024. See  
Spring or Elaine if you  
can help.**



*Allen & McKinney Quilt Guild's  
2<sup>nd</sup> annual Friendship Luncheon.*

## *“Joy for the Journey”*

**Guest Speaker, Tammy**

**Whitehurst**

**Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 – 3:00 P.M.**

**First Christian Church**

**1800 Hunt Street, McKinney, Texas**

*Soup, Salad & Dessert for lunch!*

*Door Prizes*

*Bring a quilt that reminds you of a  
wonderful friend for Show & Tell*

Click on this link to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48A4AA22A2F94-47072371-allen>

Contacts: Suzan at 469-964-4566, Kathy at 214-395-2154 or Elaine at 936-465-8229



## 2024 Membership Dues

Dues are paid in January. They haven't changed and are \$25.00 for the year. You can pay by check, debit or credit card.

See Paula Z and Alice G. at the membership table.

If you have any change of information like address or cell number, please fill out a new form. There is a form on the last page of the newsletter that you can print out.

## Refreshments for January

Paula Z.  
Colleen C.  
Debra MR.  
Lorraine M.  
Jeanette M.



## Tuesday Sew Days

Dates are coming  
soon!

Janice's House  
612 Fairbrook Drive  
Lucas, Texas



Paula Z.  
Colleen C.  
Debra MR.  
Lorraine M.  
Jeanette M.

## AQG Bylaws Revision

**Allen Quilters' Bylaws** have been revised. The committee included Lorraine M., Colleen C., & Elaine R. The committee was led by Roxy G. They have spent many hours updating them so please take time to read them. They will be attached to the newsletter email. We will discuss at the January meeting and make changes. So if you see anything that needs additional verbiage, or you have questions on something that has been deleted, please make a note of it.

There will be 2 readings of the bylaws.... January & February. Then after all revisions are made, we will vote on accepting them in March. HAPPY READING!!!!

# Community Service News...

By Debra MR and Megan T

We will continue to make the following items serving our local Charities.

Item	2024 Goal	2023 Accomplishments	Organization Supported
Adult Bibs	30	30	Various Nursing Homes
Placemats	100	112	Meals on Wheels
Shower Bags	50	39	Hopes Door
Pillowcases	95	102	Lone Star Santa
Fidget Mats	30	30	Various Memory Care facilities
Baby Quilts			Embrace

Possible new items are twin-size quilts for Hopes Door.

This year our goal is to focus on a specific item each month, with a presentation on how to make the item.

- January – Shower Bags – New instructions have been written with lots of pictures.
- March Sew In – Fidget Mats
- April – Quilts
- May - Placemats

Kits for all items will be available at each meeting. If you only want to do part of the item, do what you can and bring it back for someone else to finish. For example, if you like to cut out the quilts, cut the quilt, bring it back for someone to stitch, bring it back for someone to quilt.

Don't forget to bring your Community Service hours each month.

If there are any charities you would like to see us support, please let us know.

Thank you,

Debra and Megan

# Block of the Month **MADNESS** by Roxy...

The Block of the Month for 2024 will be a **Mystery Quilt**. It is designed to be a patriotic quilt using red, white, and blue but feel free to choose your own color palette. The fabric needed specifications are if you follow the instructions given each month. You can alter the fabric colors, make it scrappy or change any of the designs to one you prefer. This will, of course, affect the fabric needed.

I happen to have a Wilmington patriotic layer cake and used about half of it, along with some fabric in my stash, to complete the quilt. One caution, you will need a 2 ½" x WOF in both red and white. The finished quilt will measure 46.5" x 48". You can alter the last row to larger blocks if you wish to make a bigger quilt. Just remember to include those blocks in the fabric requirements. QOV is minimum 60" x 80".

You will be making the blocks and then putting them together to make the quilt top. We will have a Mystery Quilt "Show & Tell" in September!

#### Fabrics Needed:

Background (light) 1-2/3 yd

Red 3/4 yd

Blue 1/2-yard

Dark Blue FQ

White 1/4 yard

Green FQ

Yellow FQ

Brown FQ



Scraps will work for these colors.

I hope you enjoy making this quilt. Your participation is much appreciated for our Veterans program.

Happy Sewing, Roxy

**ALERT!** The fabric needed shown is WITHOUT borders or if you add another row to make the quilt large enough for QOV standard size of 60" x 80". You will need to calculate extra fabric.

## January Block of the Month

Happiest of New Years to you and your families!

This year's Block of the Month project is a mystery quilt entitled **"Home for Every Season"**. Each month a block pattern will be presented at the monthly meeting, in the newsletter and on our website. I'm hoping you will make 2 blocks: one for your quilt and one to make a quilt to donate to the Veteran's Program. This year you will keep the blocks you make each month. In September, you'll get finishing instructions to put the blocks together for a completed top.

If you are going to participate in the project (and I'm really hoping you do), please let me know by signing up at the meeting or dropping me an email (roxygross6@gmail.com). I want to get an idea of how many quilts we will have for Veterans Day and to be able to send you some extra hints along the way.

I am excited to introduce the first block for this year's BOM mystery quilt, the LeMoyne Star

### Fabric Needed

Background: Four 3 ½" squares (corners) and four 4 ¼" squares (for HST).

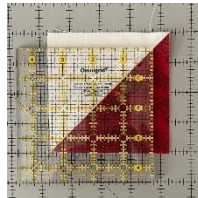
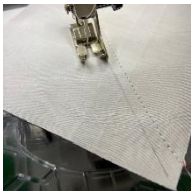
One 2 ½" x 12 ½" strip (for top of the star block).

Four red 4 ¼" squares and four blue 4 ¼" squares (for HST).

Make four red & background HST & four blue & background HST.

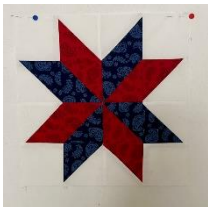
Using 4 ¼" square, put right sides together, draw a diagonal line down the center and sew ¼" on either side of the line. Cut along the line forming 2 HST. Iron with dark side on top. Trim to 3 ½".

Make four red & blue HST using the same method above.



Lay out squares as shown below and sew together.

Unfinished block should measure 12 ½" x 12 ½".



Sew a background strip (2 ½" x 12 ½") to the top of the star block.

Alternative: Make the star using 8 different color fabrics or make it using one color star fabric.

**ALERT! The fabric needed shown in last month's issue is WITHOUT borders or if you add another row to make the quilt large enough for QOY standards of 60" x 80".**

# Annual AQG Treasurer's Report – 2023

**This report is attached to the newsletter email. It shows what money was received and what was spent. If you have questions, please bring to January meeting.**

Treasurer Report November 1-30, 2023		
Beginning		\$6,932.28
<b>Income</b>		
Raffle Quilt Proceeds	\$20.00	
Allen Crafters Market	\$5.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Card Reader Fee (October)	\$18.95	
Programs	\$241.48	
Community Service	\$250.00	
QOV Quilting	\$40.00	
MOW Secret Santa	\$100.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$650.43</b>
Ending		\$6,306.85
Cash Box		\$100.00
Submitted: Colleen C, December 5, 2023		
October 14, 2023: 1-Day, Tax-Free Sales/Auction (1 of 2)		
October 19, 2023: 1-Day, Tax-Free Sales/Auction (2 of 2)		

Treasurer Report December 1-31, 2023		
Beginning		\$6,306.85
<b>Income</b>		
Raffle Quilt	\$20.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Card Reader Fee (November)	\$5.38	
USPS PO Box Rental	\$194.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$199.38</b>
Ending		\$6,127.47
Cash Box		\$100.00
Submitted: Colleen C, January 3, 2024		



**Allen Quilters' Guild**  
**Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a NEW member? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, what year did you join AQG? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a returning member, would you like a new name badge? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a copy of the AQG Bylaws? \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month and day only): \_\_\_\_\_

Small group you belong to: \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting time: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not presently belong to a small group, are you interested in joining a daytime small group?

Y N or a nighttime small group? Y N

Please circle your preferred method for receiving the Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter:

A) Via e-mail

B) You download directly from our website ([www.allenquilters.org](http://www.allenquilters.org))

When complete, please mail this form with a check made out to AQG to:

Allen Quilters' Guild

P. O. Box 526

Allen, TX 75013-0010

OR you may give your form and payment directly to Alice G. or Paula Z. **Credit & Debit cards accepted.**

Membership dues are \$25.00 for adults and \$15 for juniors (children 10 to 17 accompanied by an adult member) and paid annually in January.

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Google Group \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_ Bylaws \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_